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SUBJECT: AGENDA FOR ECONOMY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE,
U.S.-IRAN JOINT COMMISSION

1. FOLLOWING PROPOSED AGENDA FOR ECONOMY AND FINANCE (E&F)
COMMITTEE PROVIDES AN INITIAL PLENARY SESSION (MORNING,
FEB. 9) TO DISCUSS THE ATTITUDE OF EACH GOVERNMENT TO
THE WORK OF THE COMMISSION AND OF THE COMMITTEE AND TO
REVIEW GOI'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLANS. FYI: E&F
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2. AS SUGGESTED IN PRINCIPLE BY MEHRAN THIS INITIAL SESSION WOULD BE FOLLOWED BY SUB-COMMITTEE MEETINGS (AFTERNOON, FEB. 9; MORNING, FEB. 10) TO MATCH AGENDA SUBJECTS AND MEMBERS CAPABILITIES. WE PROPOSE FOR THESE MEETINGS THE CREATION OF FOUR SUB-COMMITTEES WITH SUBJECT MATTER COVERAGE AS FOLLOWS:

A. SUBCOMMITTEE ON POLICIES AFFECTING IRANIAN DEVELOPMENT WOULD COVER THE FOLLOWING TOPICS:

IRANIAN INVESTMENT CLIMATE, DEVELOPMENT OF STRONG U.S.-IRANIAN PRIVATE BUSINESS ORGANIZATION, INCREASED USE OF USDOC FACILITIES FOR PROMOTION OF OPPORTUNITIES IN IRAN TO U.S. BUSINESS, LEGAL AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS OF U.S. PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION IN COMMISSION ACTIVITIES, ASSISTANCE IN IRANIAN TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT; CONSIDERATION OF A TECHNICAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT; OTHER AREAS IN WHICH USG RESOURCES COULD BE APPLIED TO ASSIST IRANIAN DEVELOPMENT. U.S. MEMBERS OF THIS SUBCOMMITTEE WOULD BE REPRESENTATIVES OF STATE, COMMERCE, TREASURY, TRANSPORTATION, DEFENSE AND OPIC.

B. SUBCOMMITTEE ON MUTUAL TRADE EXPANSION WOULD COVER THE FOLLOWING TOPICS:

ENLARGEMENT OF U.S. TRADE PROMOTION ACTIVITIES IN IRAN, INCLUDING GREATER USE OF THE U.S. TRADE CENTER; EXPANDED EXCHANGES OF BUSINESS AND SPECIALIZED TRADE MISSIONS; MONITORING AND PERIODIC REVIEW OF PROGRESS IN DEVELOPMENT OF TRADE RELATIONS; DISCUSSION OF AREAS OF MUTUAL INTEREST IN MTN; U.S. EXPORT POLICY RELATING TO SHORT SUPPLY ITEMS. U.S. MEMBERS OF THIS SUBCOMMITTEE WOULD BE REPRESENTATIVES OF STATE, COMMERCE, AGRICULTURE, AND EXIMBANK. SLIGHT POSSIBILITY AGRICULTURE AND EXIM MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE.

C. SUBCOMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL COOPERATION WOULD COVER THE FOLLOWING TOPICS:

U.S. POLICY ON IRANIAN INVESTMENT IN U.S.; TRIANGULAR INVESTMENT; PROPOSED OPEC INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE. U.S. MEMBERS OF THIS SUBCOMMITTEE WOULD BE REPRESENTATIVES OF TREASURY, STATE, COMMERCE, EX-IMP AND OPIC.

D. SUBCOMMITTEE ON PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTOR PROJECT REVIEW WOULD UNDERTAKE A REVIEW AS SUGGESTED BY MEHRAN OF ONGOING AND PLANNED IRANIAN DEVELOPMENTAL PROJECTS. THE REVIEW WOULD INCLUDE AN EXAMINATION OF THE STATUS OF

PROJECTS, IDENTIFICATION OF ANY DIFFICULTIES OR BOTTLE-
NECKS ENCOUNTERED AND ACTIONS DESIRED IN IRAN OR THE U.S.
U.S. MEMBERS OF THIS SUBCOMMITTEE WOULD INCLUDE COMMERCE
DEPARTMENT AND EMBASSY.

3. A FINAL WRAPUP PLENARY (AFTERNOON, FEB. 10) WOULD BE
USED TO REVIEW THE ACTIVITIES OF THE INDIVIDUAL SUB-
COMMITTEE SESSIONS AND TO AGREE ON MINUTES.

4. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO SECURE IRANIAN REVIEW AND AP-
PROVAL OR MODIFICATION OF AGENDA ASAP WITH INDICATION OF
WHO WOULD BE IRANIAN SUBCOMMITTEE COUNTERPARTS. WOULD
APPRECIATE ANSWER BEFORE FINAL U.S. COMMITTEE WORK SESSION
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